

Chicago Students Quiz President-Elect

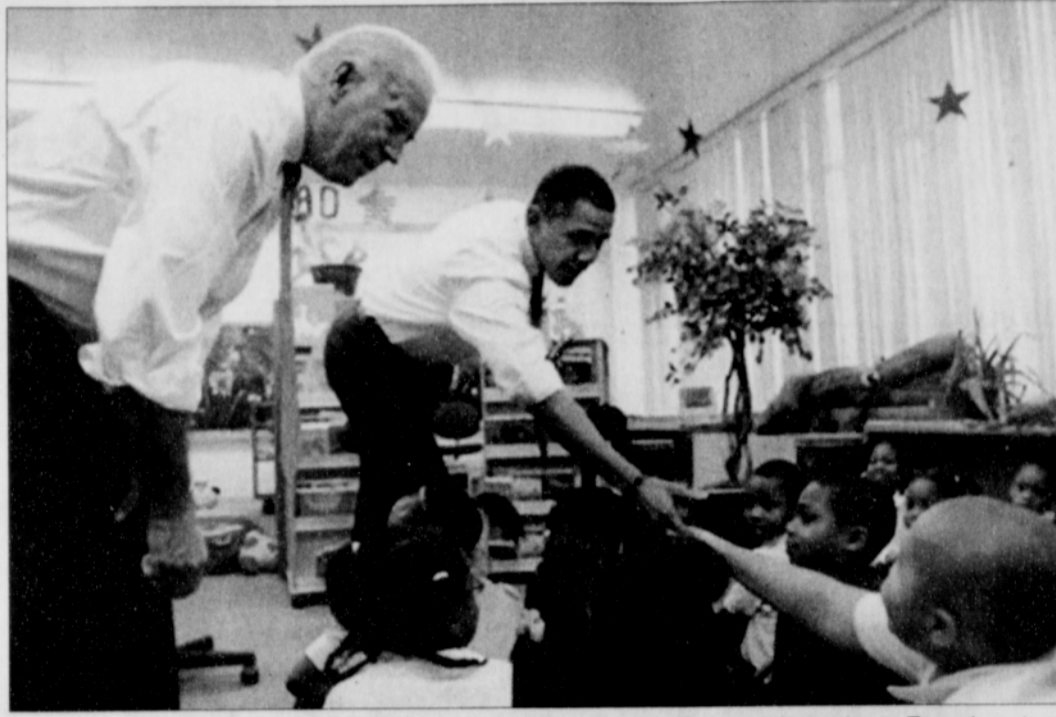
During naming of education secretary

(AP) -- A dozen grade schoolers got their own chance to quiz President-elect Barack Obama on Tuesday, getting an earful on such issues as longer school days, how it feels to be on television, and even the first puppy's "business."

"How will you feel when you move to the White House?" one child asked.

"I'm going to be excited," Obama said, explaining that he would have a "pretty nice office" in the shape of an oval when he got to Washington.

Obama was joined by Vice President-elect Joe Biden and Arne Duncan, the head of the Chicago school system and Obama's pick for education secretary. The three greeted the youngsters, who



President-elect Barack Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden visit students Tuesday at the Dodge Renaissance Academy in Chicago. (AP photo)

ranged from first-graders to fourth-graders, after a news conference at the Dodge Renaissance Academy

in Chicago.

Obama met with them in a library at the academy. They sat on

the carpet in front of him, each eagerly raising their hands to ask questions and discuss what they

were learning in school.

"Decimals," Obama replied to one student. "Wow, Joe doesn't even know his decimals," he joked about Biden.

The president-elect talked about how his daughters, 10-year-old Malia and 7-year-old Sasha, will get a dog when they make the move to the White House next month.

"They've been asking for a dog for years now," he said.

Obama said the girls would need to take care of their pet. And that didn't just mean feeding and walking the dog.

"You know, if they do their business, if they've got some poop—you got to make sure that you're not just leaving it there," Obama said.

The president-elect fielded more questions from the children than he did from the members of the press, who came to the school for a morning news conference where Obama announced Duncan

as his education secretary.

Not all the children's questions were lighthearted. One child, who said a cousin was serving in Iraq, asked Obama about the troops overseas.

"One of the things that I promised I would do is to try to bring this war in Iraq to an end," Obama said, adding that he hoped to have them home in about a year and a half.

Another asked Obama what he would do to represent the efforts of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Obama said not just presidents, but everyone could do their part to honor King's work by treating people with respect and listening.

"Dr. King used to talk about the fact that, you know, no matter what your job is, you want to do your best," Obama said. "And right now your job is to learn, so when you guys are in class you got to make sure you're working as hard as you can."

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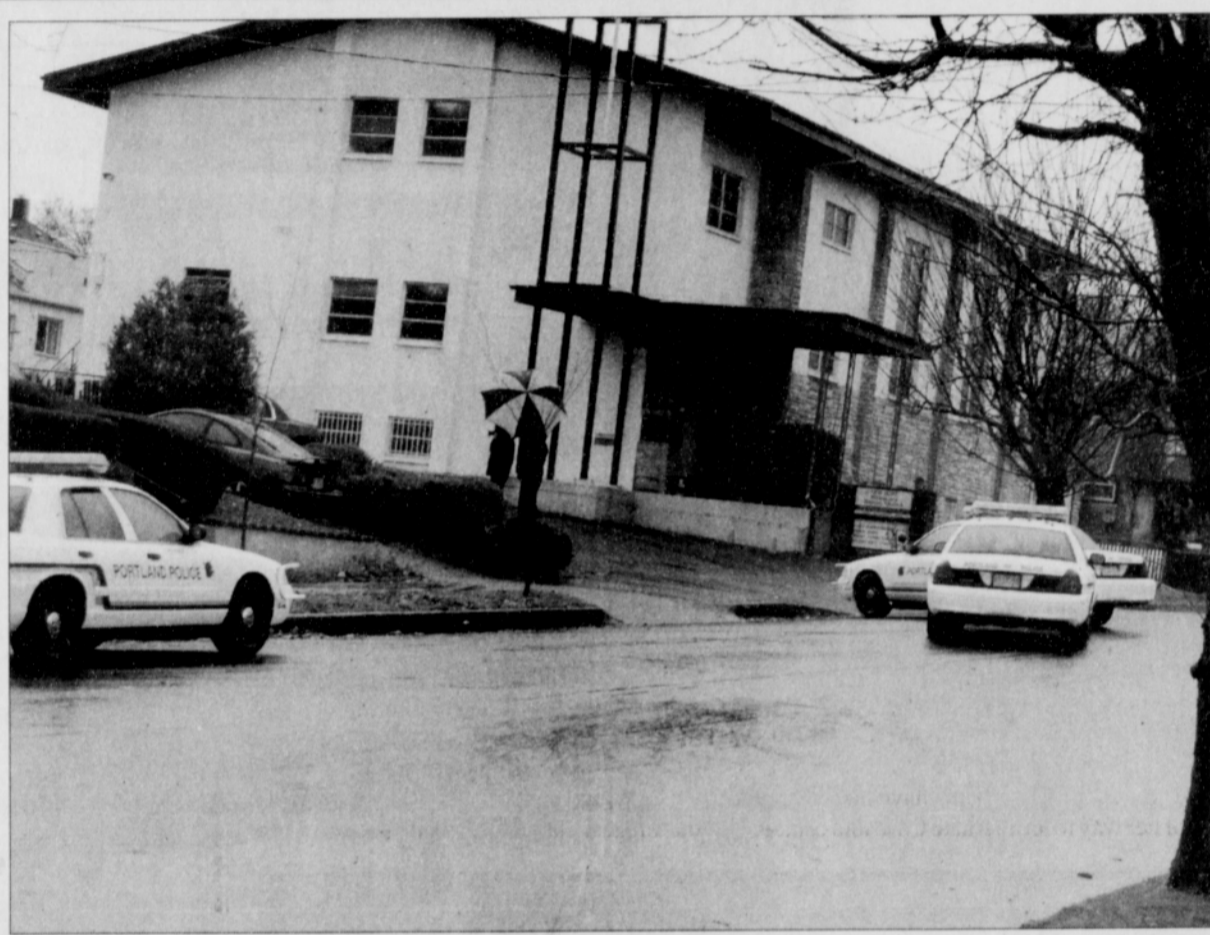
ets, like Chicago or Seattle, but have found the system too costly. TriMet isn't sure how it will change its system, but is considering a partnership with credit card companies.

The agency is still on track to unveil its new Max Green Line in September, running from Clackamas County to the Gateway Transit Center and then downtown to Portland State University via the new Portland Mall tracks. The Interstate Yellow Line will also begin service to PSU via the revamped Mall in September.

Despite all the difficulties facing TriMet, Young is optimistic. She hopes that the economic stimulus package that is expected to emerge shortly after President-elect Obama takes office will include measures aimed at giving mass transit a boost.

She explained how automotive interests are also clamoring to get the bulk of the stimulus geared toward aging bridges and roads. However, in the past Oregon has gotten a cut for mass transit. Additionally, she pointed out that the bill is purportedly geared toward jobs and energy.

"We think we're in a pretty good position for both of those," Young said.



Police respond to a 9-1-1 emergency call after a man is critically shot during a funeral Friday at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 3725 N. Gantenbein. The victim later died of his injuries.

Deadly Gunfire Inside Church

A Portland man died Monday after being shot Friday during a funeral at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 3725 N. Gantenbein.

Police said the victim, Darshawn Lavone Cross, 31, was a known gang member. The man who shot him ran from the church after the shooting. He has not been arrested. Officers are looking for a white Chevy Impala car that may have been used in the getaway.

Witnesses said there was a disturbance between the two men during funeral services. The men apparently were separated temporarily before multiple shots rang out.

Mourners fled out of the church in panic.



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Iraqi Shows Contempt for Bush

President Bush made his final swing as president through two war zones Monday, visiting with troops that he sent to Iraq and Afghanistan and will soon turn over to a new commander in chief.

Surely the most unexpected point in the carefully scripted, two-day presidential trip came when a reporter threw his shoes at the president during a press conference in Baghdad, both of which Bush artfully dodged from behind the podium.

"This is your farewell kiss, you dog!" the reporter shouted in Arabic while hurling one shoe, and then the other. The reporter was later identified as Muntadar al-Zeidi, a correspondent for Al-Baghdadia television, an Iraqi-owned station based in Cairo,



A man throws a shoe at President George W. Bush during a news conference with Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki on Sunday in Baghdad. The man threw two shoes at Bush, one after another. Bush ducked both throws.

Egypt.

In Iraqi culture, throwing shoes at someone is a sign of contempt. Iraqis whacked a statue of

Saddam Hussein with their shoes after U.S. Marines toppled it to the ground following the 2003 invasion.

Lombard Bank Robber Sentenced

Ralph Rene Williams, 58, of Portland, has been handed a 12 year prison term for robbing the U.S. Bank, Lombard-Emerald Branch, in August 2007.

Williams wore a full disguise and used a firearm when he threatened tellers at the bank to steal \$27,000 in cash.

Prosecutors argued for more

prison time based on the severity of the offense and because several of Williams' prior convictions were too old to count under the advisory sentencing guidelines.

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